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Store Open To-Night Until 10:30.

Your Last Opportunity To Shop for Christmas.

What shall the present be, a book? Our great book store has been the Mecca for Richmond book lovers this Christmas and the stocks have dwindled every day, but there is good choosing even at the last minute. Some of the special things as follows-

In padded leather bindings, with gold title and cover design and red under gold edges. 'The usual \$1.00 book, at 75c copy.

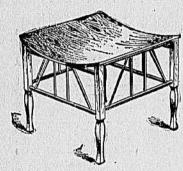
The following titles: Pope, Tenny-,son, Holmes, Meredith, Robert Browning., Mrs. Browning, Walt Whitman. George Ellot, Goldsmith, Hemans, Jean Ingelow, Whittler, Wordsworth, Shakespeare. Stevenson, Poe, Keats, Lowell, Emerson, Bryant, The Rubalyat of Omar Khayyam, Idylls of the

About 75 Titles in Copyright Books Reduced From

\$1.50 to 45c a Vol.

Such as Graustark, Senator North, Patience Sparhawk, The Quest of the Golden Girl, Donovan Pasha, Janico Meredith, The Gadfly, Miss Petticoats, Wolfville Days, Blennerhasset, In

Inexpensive Xmas Presents From the Third Floor.



An India Stool for 69c. that looks exactly like the illustration.

Low enough in price isn't it for as neat a looking stool as this. (You'll find the article itself looks even better than its

Sold lots of them during the past few weeks-Mission oak-15 inches high and 16x16 inches

across the top.

Built not only for looks, but

Another article equally as attractive and comparatively as low in price as the Stool, is a Bamboo (Tabourette, for 89c. Similar in appearance to the picture on the right. This Tabourette is 21 inches high and has a matting covered 10p. 21 inches in diameter.

This makes the third shipment in the last few weeks-the other two went out in a hurry and they're rather hard to get, especially in holiday times.

This lot came in yesterday afternoon. We'll not guarantee there'll be any left to-night.
Great bargains at 89c.

King, Hiawatha, Lucile, Lady of the Lake, and a few others. All one price. Reduced to 75c a copy; each nicely boxed.

The paper has just been consolidated with the Southern Methodist Recorder,

A change has been impending for some

secure a large majority of the stock of the secure a large majority of the stock of the Advocate Publishing Company, and will assume management before the next paper is printed. My connection with the paper ceases with this issue.

HERBERT M. HOPE.

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A CARD.

Animated by the desire to unite the preachers and laymen of the patronizing conferences in the support of one weekly religious newspaper, the undersigned have had several interviews which have produced the following results:

(1) The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate and the Southern Methodist Recorder have been consolidated, and will be issued after January 1st as one paper under the name of the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.

(2) Nearly all of the stock of the Advocate Publishing Company has passed under the control of the undersigned, and the Advocate Publishing Company will be reorganized as speedly as the charter and by-laws of the company will admit.

(3) Under the new organization James Cannon, Jr., will be the president of the company and managing editor of the paper, and J. Sidney Peters will be the secretary and treasurer of the company and business manager.

(1) The contracts of the Advocate Publishing Company, with Dr. S. K. Cox, of the Baltimore Conference, and Dr. J. J. Lufferty, of the Virginia Conference, will continue and be carried out as if there had been no change in the management. Rev. H. M. Hope, having disposed of all

had been no change in the management Rev. H. M. Hope, having disposed of all his interests in the paper, will retire from the position of associate editor and busi-

unite the entire body of preachers and laymen in the hearty support of a weekly religious paper, which shall be, indeed, an arm of power to the church in accomplishing her great mission.

JAMES CANNON, Jr.,

J. SIDNEY PETERS.

DANIEL AND MARTIN

Legend of Christmas Tree

Many People Will Buy Umbrellas

It's well to know where to get the best for the least outlay of money and you'll find Miller & Rhoads Umbrella store to be that

Ladies' Umbrellas here at all prices between 50c. and \$15. We think

for all round service and attractiveness that our \$5.00 all slik Laventine Umbrellas for ladies are about as good values as you can find.

Gentlemen's Umbrellas \$1.98 to \$5.00—a \$3.50 slik one being especially

village among the monks, lived Father

Many years ago, way up in a German village among the monks, lived Father Nicholas, a plain, ordinary, quiet priest, who lived on in this place where he was horn, performing his priestly duties to the simple villagers year after year without any special event happening to make or mar his uneventful life.

But one day there came a summons for him to appear at the king's palace. This was a most extraordinary event, and all wondered at the long journey that lay before Father Nicholas. The old priest pet out for the king's palace, and passing through a city, stopped to listen to what a tall, siender man was reading. He was reading the words of Jesus—not in the hard old Latin tongue, but in German. It seemed so touching and so familiar to hear these words in the dear, old mother tongue, so he bought himself a German Rible and some of Luther's books, and did not go at all to the king's palace, but went back to his people to teach them these wonderful messages of love. He said "there should be no more mass; no more confessing sins to him, a sinful man—no more granting absolution for Sins committed."

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Thus year after year passed, and the people began to grow weary of the duintess of Christmas. Like the Hebrews of old, who longed for the flesh-pols of Egypt, they sighed for the mass celebrated for the Babe in the cradle, with the candles lighted all around, for the wise men kneeling with their costly gifts, for the shepherds in the distance, gazing with mute admiration, and the angels hovering over them, while there floated sweet music from unseen singers. These things troubled the good old father, who feeted and prayed many a day and night on this subject. One day, while fasting and praying, he fell asleep, and in his sleep he saw a large tree, from which were suspended numbers of beautiful things, and an angel stood by it. Presently the tree and the angel were home up and up, until they disappeared from sight, but the dream did not pass from the father's mind, and we shall see what a practical use he made of it. One day Yather Nicholas left home again and stayed a whole week, and on his return things unusual commenced to happen. They kept on happening, and very mysterious movements were seen to be going on in Father Nicholas' cottage.

Surprise knew no bounds when, on the gunday before Christmas, the old father announced he would celebrate Christmas in the claurch. The word Christmas in the claurch asset the pricest was going to

Eve all who could get to the church were there. When they entered there was total darkness throughout the church, save where the altar had formerly stood. From this point was suspended a thick, dark curtain, through which glimmered a pyramid of light. When the curtain was lifted, behold, a beautiful, stately tree, lighted with innumerable candles, bearing on its branches beautiful gifts for all, which were distributed by the good old father. The people went away contented, and the heart of the faithful, devont servant of God was never again pained by the murmurings and discontent of his people. Eve all who could get to the church were

Property Transfers.

Audit Pay-Rolls.

The Committees on Health, Markets and St. John's Buryground met hist night and audited claims and pay rolls, so the employes of the soveral departments might have their money for Christmas.

Mr. Morriss III.

Mr. R. F. Morriss, one of Richmond's old and well known citizens, is ill at his home. No. 512 North Seventh Street, Mr. Morriss is suffering from a throat trouble, of which he has been a victim for some years, and, at his advanced age, there is little hope of his recovery.

BURNETT'S EXTRACT OF VANILLA Has taken gold medals against all other brands.-

THE PAPERS **CONSOLIDATE**

Christian Advocate and Southern Methodist Recorder Come Together.

THE REV. MR. HOPE LEAVES

Rev. James Cannon, Jr., and Rev. J. Sidney Peters Will Conduct the Paper.

With the new year the Christian Adrocate, of this city will appear in new form and under different management.

published at Blackstone, by the Rev. James Cannon, Jr.

time, and while it will, therefore, create no great surprise, the form in which it mes will distinctly do so. The Advocate and the Recorder have been at odds for long, and the Blackstone minister has time and again opposed the policy of the Richmond paper. Under the consideration, which goes into effect January ist, the new, owners of the Advocate are the Rev. Mr. Cannon and the Rev J. Sidney. Peters, of Hampton. The former is to be president of the company and managing editor, and the latter secretary and treasurer and business manager. The Recorder will go out of existence, and the new paper will appear under its old name, the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate Dr. J. J. Lafferty and Dr. S. K. Cox will continue on the editorial staff. The Rev. Herbert M. Hope, the present assistant editor and business manager, severs his connection with the paper with the current issue. He will establish here a branch office of the Messengole General. and the Recorder have been at odds for

the current issue. He will establish here a branch office of the Messengole General Advertising Agency, of Atlanta, Ga. His office will be the American National Bank building from the first of the year.

THE ANNOUNCEMBNTS.
The announcements of these revolutionary changes in the management are made in the issue which came from the press yesterday. It contains the following self-explanatory notices:

Moved by the hope of uniting the church in Virginia in support of its conference organ, I have sold all my interest in the Advocate to Revs. Jumes Cannon, Jr., and J. Sidney Peters. By this purchase they secure a large majority of the stock of the

ness manager.

It is hoped by the new management that the result of the reorganization will be to unite the entire body of preachers and

AGAINST THE DRYDEN BILL

Colonel John S. Harwood, chairman of Colonel John S. Harwood, chairman of the National Legislation Committee, T. P. A., is active in his opposition to Senate bill 1281, offered by request in the United States Senate by Mr. Dryden of New Jersey, designed to suppress the literaas to operate a hardship upon legitimate insurance.

Colonel Harwood has wellow a ture of wildcat insurance companies from the mails, but which is so widely drawn

Colonel Harwood has written Senators Daniel and Martin, calling attention to the bill, and they have both promised to fight it.

The letter of Senator Martin is as fol-

United States Scuate, Washington, D. C. United States Senate, Washington, D. C.
December 22, 1963.
John S. Harwood Esq., Chairman National
Legislative Committee, Travelers' Protective Association, Richmond, Va.:
My Dear Sir.—Your letter of the 21st
Instant, has just been received, I have
received quite a number of communications explaint against the massing of tions protesting against the passage of Senate bill No. 1261, introduced by Senafor Dryden, I concur with you that this legislation will be unwise, and I will do what I can to defeat it.

Yours very truly, THOMAS S. MARTIN.

THE WHITE AND NEWMAN WOMEN GET FIVE YEARS

Mollie White and Mattie Newman, the Molle White and Mattle Newman, the two negro women who were tried in the Hustings Court yesterday for robbery, were given five years each in the ponitoriary by the jury, but Mr. L. O. Wendenburg, their attorney, made a motion to set the verdiet askid as contrary to law and evidence.

This motion was set for hearing on Monday next by Judge Witt, It will be recalled that the charge against Molle White was that of drugging and robbing Preclous Hornby, a white man some time ago, and Mattle Newman, who was an immate of Mollie White's house, any swered the charge of being an accomplice.

GOOD CHEER AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

The veterans of the Soldiers' Home will have a most enloyable dinner to-morrow. Two weeks ago the board of directors of the Home held a meeting, and decided to give the veterans a lay-out, which would delight their pulates to the last degree. Dinner will be served at 2 o'clock to-morrow, and hams, turkeys, delectable

vegetables and plum puddings will disappear as if by imagic. Everything will be done to cheer the horoes along, and make the Home take the place of that home of case, comfort and tender care which every man hopes may be his when old age comes to him.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Dr. Clark, of Columbia, Lectures

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There in April.

The lecture committee of Richmond College has been fortunate enough to secure Professor John B. Clark, of Columbia University, New York, to deliver the twentieth course of lactures on the Thomas foundation. Dr. Clark, is professor of economics, and has been stated lecturer on the same subject at Johns Hopkins and Chicago Colleges. He is a clear and forceful speaker, and treats his great theme in plain, everyday language. His subject at Richmond College will be "Monopolles," and the course will be given early in April.

At the regular Wednesday morning conference of professors and students yestorday, President Boatwright sitted that the triwester port closing was the best he had ever known; he had only words of praise for the studiousness and good order which had provalled during the fall term.

Already the professors, as well as the students, are scattering for the holidays. Professors Foushee and Hunter have gone to their old homes in North Carolling. Professor Mitchell will go to New Orleans to attend the annual session of the American Historical Association; Professor Gaines will visit friends in Cumberland county.

Of the students, not more than ten or fifteen will remain on the campus during Christmas week.

President Boatwright has just received a letter from Rov. J. E. Taylor, of Bahla, Brazil, Informing him of the shinment to the scien of a tible recently shot by Mr. Taylor himself.

COL. J. W. RICHARDSON IS KINDLY REMEMBERED

The employes of Colonel John W. Rich, ardson, register of the land office, did not forget the kindness and consideration with which he has treated them during the year, and they dil presented him on yesterday with tokens of their esteem. Colonel Richardson has always been popular with his men, and he greatly appreciates their kindly remembrances.

FULTON NOTES.

Mr. D. W. Shrecongost and family arrived Wednesday from West View, Va., and will reside on Fulton Hill.

Mrs. William Garber is quite sick at her residence on Nicholson Street.

Alf. Albert Morecock, of Charles City, is the guest of his brother, W. T. Morecock.

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Mr. W. H. Stoofregan, of Chicago, Ill. spent yesterday with Messrs, A. R. and Grey McCalley, en route to his old home, ir, Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Collaries McCaull, of Varina, has gone to spend the holidays with hersister, Mrs. Kendall, of Ballimore.

Mr. Clifford Reams arrived this week to spend the holidays with his parends, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reams, of Nicholson Street. Mr. Reams has been traveling out West since May.

The Christmas celebration of the Apostolic Church will take place to-morrow morning. An interesting programme hus been carefully arranged.

Mr. Andrew Butler continues quite sick at his residence on Graham Street.

Mrs. John Cardwall and family, of Varina, left Wednesday to spend the yulctide week with her mother, in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice are visiting in Gates county, N.-C.

"Between You and Me."

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Edmund Vanco Cooke, the Ohlo poet, will entertain on the Association Course Monday night, December 23th. In speaking of his work, the Utica (New York) Observer says, "Mr. Cooke is a poet of no mean genius. He has written some splendid verse, portraying pathos and humor that are true to life. He was in constant favor every moment. His dialect stories brought forth stories of applause, and then in the next moment his touching pathos was felt by every listener."

Kesserved seats can be secured at the Association building.

American Guild.

Old Dominion Chapter, No. 214, of the American Gulid, held their annual meet-ing last night. The reports of the treasarer and secretary showed the guild to be in a very prosperous condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past Governor, U. M. Wilson; Governor, W. Mckim Marriott; Vice-Governor, Douglas Hider; Secretary, E. Leslie Spence; Treasurer, R. T. Wilson; Chaplain, J. P. Davis; Warden, Leon Ruskell; Guard, W. A. Barrett; Trus-tees, G. M. Wilson, George E. Ruffin.

Mr. Royster Very III.

The friends of Mr. Edwin D. Royster will be grieved to hear of his extreme litness in Las Cruces, New Moxico, where he went some months ago for his health, with the hope of being benefited. Mr. Royster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Junius J. Royster, formally of Richmond, now living in Washington. His mother is at his bedside.

Mr. Smith Dead.

A letter was received here yesterday announcing the death at Berryville, on Monday, of the father of Hon. R. S. Blackburn Smith, member of the House from Clarke and Warren counties.

ENTERTAINMENT TO **EMPLOYED BOYS**

Interesting Occasion To-morrow at the Y. M. C. A.

The boys of the city are aircady interested greatly in the big entertainment to be given at the Y. M. C. A. Chrismas a termoon, four to five o'clock.

The entertainment and recordion will be free to the boys between the ages of twelve and seventeen years who are employed in the various offices, stores and factories of the city.

The programme will begin in the big auditorium at four o'clock, and will be participated in by those who know how to enfertain, including Miss Kate Puller, who will give the Horse Race; Eugene Davis and his banjo; Willie Davidson, the cornetts; indian club drills, horse work and torch-light swinging.

Every employed boy can get a ticket at the Association building, which is open from 9 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.

In no other cut glass is found such crystal clearness, perfection of cut-ting, beauty of design and brilliance.

The Libbey on every name Libbey on every piece, the E. B. TAYLOR CO., Exclusive Richmond Agents, 1011 E. Main St. 9 E. Broad St.

Libber Cut Glass The World's Best

THE THIRD DAY

Of Our Suit and Overcoat Sale Begins

This Morning.

Men's Suits and Overcoats Worth Up to \$25.00, Reduced to \$14.75 Men's Suits and Overcoats, Worth Up to \$15.00 Reduced to \$9.50

Boys' Knee Pant Suits-Overcoats and Reefers. Worth up to \$7.50,

Reduced to \$4.45

You are given the opportunity of buying Extraordinary Fine Clothing at Ordinary Prices.

Gans-Rady Company

DISMISSAL

Judge Wickham Said Witness Valentine Was Perjuring Himself.

THE DOG QUESTION AGAIN

Childrey Case Dismissed-Clerk Broaddus Now Issues Marriage Licenses-Other News.

In the County Court of Henrico yesterday a curious and rather sensational thing preceded the dismissal of the case against William P. Terry, the only man lation of the Barksdale pure elections

During the Henrico election cases the name of William Valentine, a witness, has figured prominently. Upon his test mony several indictments were returned by the grand jury, and upon his testimony was Terry convicted in the magis-trate's court, and was also the charge of contempt brought against Charles W. Childrey, commissioner of the revenue Yesterday Terry was tried in the County Court on an appeal. Valentine had just now took the stand against Terry. The defense, ably conducted by Mr. E. L. Ryan and his associate, Mr. James R. Russell, was about to begin the crossexamination, when Judge Wickham inter-posed. He asked Commonwealth's Atposed. He asked Commonwealth's Attorney Sands if Vaientline was the only witness the prosecution had. Mr. Sanda replied in the affirmative. The judge declared that the statements of the witness were absolutely contradictory and that he was evidently perjuring himself. He abruptly dismissed the case, Valentine still sitting in the chair. There was some suggestion of a further proceeding and it is possible that Valentine will now be prosecuted on the charge of perjury.

of perjury.
In this peculiar manner the last of the election cuses comes to an end. Terry was fined \$100 by the magistrate and was the first man in the state to be found guilty of violation of the Barksdale law.

The case against Commissioner Chil drey was also dismissed. Foreman Warts, of the grand jury, testified, as also did Valentine and Mr. Childrey himself. The charge was that of tampering with the witness. The judge dismissed the case, but reprinanted Mr. Childrey for talking at all to a grand jury witness or in the hearing of such witness. or in the hearing of such witness.

The vexed dog question is to the fore again. The judge yesterday delivered to the Commonwealth's Attorney the resolution recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and some action will prob-Supervisors, and some action will probably be taken either by the County Court or by the incoming Circuit Court, it seems to be the opinion of all the officers that the law is a failure, But the constables have not even made an effort to enforce it, and for this reason there will probably be some proceeding against them. As stated yesterday, this will probably be some movement to secure the repeal or at least the amendment of the present law.

The question of the validity of marriages performed since December 12th affects Henrico also. A great number of licenses were issued between the 12th and the present, and under the law they are irregular

are irregular.
Yestorday Clerk Broaddus, of the Circuit Court, began to issue the licenses, and wrote six during the day. He will continue the work in the future.

The jail-birds of Henrico will enjoy a quiet Christmas feast, Sherin' Solomon has ordered a good supply of turkey, chicken, beefsteak, broad, cakes, candy, etc., and every prisoner will get a good dinner. Each man is to get a pound of

The Board of Supervisors of the county The Board of Supervisors of trans-heid its final session yesterday and trans-acted routine business, including the in-spection of the annual report of the freas-urer of the county. The new board will take hold at the next meeting, which will be held on the first Tuesday of Jan-

A deed of bargain and sale flied yester-day in the clerk's office of the County Court by the Virginia Trust Company centyeyed to the American Locomotive Works a seventy acre lot of land with improvements, about two and one-half miles north of the city, bounded on the north by the county road lending to Mochanich Ville Turnpike, on the east by T. A. Cary's land, and the south by the Chesapeako and Ohlo Rallway, and on the west by the land of A. F. Mosby, The consideration was \$11,500.

James Holmes is in jail charged with

THE LADIES DID IT. Good Work of Town Improve

ment Society.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BUCHANAN, VA., December 23.—The
Christinas Market and Bazaar, conducted
by the ladlos of the town Temperance
Society, closed yesterday. The ladles of
the town and community have been actively at work for some weeks making
preparallons for the occasion, and as a
result of their efforts about \$150 was
raised.

Als. M. C. Township.

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Mrs. E. C. Pechin has been the moving spirit in organizing the Town Improvement Society and in carrying the market and bazaar to its successful close. The purposes of the society, as indicated by the name, are for the improvement of the town in the way of cleaning the streets and making more attractive the appearance of the town. Under the stimulating influences of the society an improvement may already be noted, and with the cooperation of the Town Council, the systematic improvement of the streets and sidewalks is expected to begin.

The deca is somewhat novel in Virginia, but the wonderful work done by like societies in New England villages has been often noticed by visitors to these towns.

Buchanan had its first fire scare on yesterday since the completion of the town

Buchanan had its first fire scare on yes-terday since the completion of the town water works. A small stable on the north side near the Chesapeake and Ohlo depot was burned. The wind was blowing quite hard, but water from the fire plug was soon playing on the burning building, and the surrounding houses were saved, which otherwise must have fallen a prey to the flames.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

Famous Stonewall Band Entertains Its Friends.

tains Its Friends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 23.—The Stone-wall Band handsonmly entertained their riends and members last night in the spacious dining room at the Eakleton lotel, it being the band's annual reunion banquet. Impromptu addresses were made by quite a number of the guests and members present.

President Charles E. Halnes acted as toastmaster and read the communication, after which he presented, for the band, a handsome gold medal to Prof. J. M. Brereton, who has led the band for the last ten yours.

last ten years.
Professor Frank R. Webb, who was the beloved leader of the band at one time, was present and made a short talk.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC JAMESTOWN MEETING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 23.-At

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 23.—At an enthusiastic mass meeting of business men to-night resolutions formally endersing the Jamestown Exposition were adopted and fourteen thousand dollars worth of stock was subscribed.

There was much enthusiasm in the infecting and it is confidently believed that the million dollars necessary to validate the company's charter will be secured by January 1st.

Charlotte Marriages. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SCOTTSBURG, VA., Dec. 23.—The fol-lowing marriages have taken place in this vicinity recently; At Rogers Chapel, December 16th, by the Rev.

son, Mr. John B. Wood to Miss Mary Heath, son, Mr. John B. Wood to Miss Mary Heath.

December 20th, Mr. Samuel Whitlow to Miss Victoria Allen at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. J. J. Ashby.

Mr. Frederick Sharp to Miss Dora Snead and Mr. James Wood to Miss Mary A. Snead. The last is a double wedding, which took place to-Cly at the home of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snead, near Clower, Va. Mr. B. H. Lofts, of South Boston, a prominent tobacconist, was sarried to Miss Lucy Sparrow, of Clay's Mill, yesterday.

MR. MURRAY CHOSEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23,—Lawrence O. Murray, of Chicago, has been chosen Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The selection was announced today by the President, who stated that the office had been accepted by Mr. Murray, and that the nomination would be sent to Senate immediately after the holiday recess. The appointment is made on the personal recommendation of Secretary Cortalyou.

Mr. Murray is now secretary and trust officer of a trust company of Chicago. He was at one time private secretary to an assistant secretary of the treasury and later deputy compireller of the currency.

The Spooner Act.

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Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Willie L. Baugh and Ivy L. Powell, of Henrico: Walter H. Martin and Rosa E. Christopher, of Henrico; Jacob L. Swatz and Indanna F. Shepperson, of lienrico.

Antonio O. Fetrey has been arrested,

ARE BINDING

No Occasion for Disquiet on Account of Defect Discovered in the Law.

THE COUPLES NOT TO BLAME

The Law Does Not Expect Impossibilities of Any, One, It Will be Corrected.

rily disturbed by the publication of the riage licenses to be issued by the circuit clerk and not by the county clerk as formerly. While the oversight on the clerk and not by the county clerk as formerly. While the oversight on the part of the General Assembly in making the change effective December 12th instead of Pebruary 1, 1994, is noteworthy, there is nothing in the discovery to sturtle any one. All these weddings may be technically defective, but practically and really all marriage ceremonies performed on the authority of licenses is sued by the county clerks since December 12th are as binding in law and otherwise as though no such law as that approved December 12th had been passed. Every ong of the acts of county clerks

wise as though no such law as that approved December 12th had been passed. Every one of the acts of county clerks in issuing such dicenses will be fully validated by the General Assembly, and already they are binding in law.

The law has been compiled with so far as the contracting parties to these marriages were able to comply, and the contract entered into is valid in law. It is a maxim of the law that it requires impossibilities of no one, and it was impossibilities of no one, and it was impossibilities of no one, and it was impossible to have secured a license of marriage so long as the clerks themselves did not know of the change in the law. As a civil contract with witnesses the ceremonics are good in law. As for the other phase of the question, murings is above all a religious institution, and is as sucred and inviolable under existing circumstances as under the old regime when county clerks were authorized to grant licenses.

There is, therefore, no occasion to be disturbed in any way. The oversight by the law-makers was one of those things that are always liable to occur in the hurry of the closing days of a General Assembly.

The Boredom of Royalty.

King Edward VII has given his consent to the marriage of his niece, Princess Alice, of Albany, to Prince Alexander, of Teck.

It seems odd to Americans that au uncle, not a guardian, should have the power to forbid the marriage if his niece. But the King of England has such a power by act of Parliament.

This act provides that all descendants of George II, except the issue of princesses married into foreign houses, are incapable of contracting a marriage without the consent of the reigning sovereign.

So King Edward may forbid the marriage of his sisters and his cousing and maprice of his sisters and his cousing and marry whom they like if uncle of cousing Edward may forbid the marry whom they like if uncle of cousing marry whom they like if uncle of cousing Edward in a puspeckable bore it must be a puspeckable bore it must be a consent of the cousing the course of the sisters and his cousing and marry whom they like if uncle of cousing the course of the cousing the course of the cour

wise.

Winat an unspeakable bore it must by
to be a king. And what slavery for th
kinfolks, who cannot bestow their lo
upon the objects loved. But it is admited that the law creates no practical inconvenience, since the sovereign is goodnatured and doesn't exervise the voto
power except in the case of children, or,
perhaps, to prevent a politically inexpedient marriage of an heir presumptive.—
St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Old Lady Fatally Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA. Dec. 23.—Mrs. Dollie
Griffin, an old lady living in North Danville, died late last night from burne
which she received early during the evening. Her clothing took fire from the stove, on which she was preparing sup-

\$17.75 TO ATLANTA, GA., and RETURN VIA SOUTHERN BAILWAY.
Account meeting Southern Educational Association, December 20th to January 1st, the Southern Railway announces special low rate of one fare for the representation of the property of ist, the Southern Rallway announces spe-cial low rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.25, which includes member-ship fee from points on its lines. Rate from Richmond, \$17.75. Comparatively low rates from other points. Tickets on sale Descember 29; return limit, Janu-C. W. WESTBURY, D. P. A.

Kindle Up.

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